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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO THE GRAND DUKE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO GRAND DUKE JEAN FROM
PRESIDENT FORD: QTE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: THANK YOU FOR
YOUR MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES AS WE CELEBRATE THE SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION OF THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION. I HAVE BEEN
HEARTENED BY THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THIS FIRST INTERNA-
TIONAL MANNED SPACE VENTURE AND HAVE GREAT HOPES FOR FUTURE
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SPACE. THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MIS-
SION DEMONSTRATES THAT; BY COMBINING THEIR SKILLS AND
INTELLECT, NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE ENORMOUS POTENTIAL
FOR SOLVING COMMON PROBLEMS AND ATTAINING COMMON GOALS ON
EARTH AS WELL AS IN SPACE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.
END QTE.

2. FYI - GRAND DUKE JEAN SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
PRESIDENT FORD: QTE THE GRAND DUCHESS JOINS ME IN CON-
VEYING TO YOU OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE ACHIEVE-
MENT OF THE THREE COURAGEOUS AMERICAN ASTRONAUTS WHO HAVE
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ADDED TOGETHER WITH THEIR SOVIET COLLEAGUES A NEW PAGE IN

THE HISTORY OF THE EXPLORATION OF SPACE. WE WELCOME THIS
CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO GREAT NATIONS IN THE
INTEREST OF SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS AND ABOVE ALL OF PEACE IN

THE WORLD. END QTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE OF TEXTS OF MES-
SAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD GOL WISH TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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